

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:333
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2005
INCREASING TELE DENSITY IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tele-density at present in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is around 1%;
- (b) if so, whether BSNL has chalked out a plan to increase the tele-density in that State to 10% by 2007;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total projection made by BSNL for mobile and WLL phones in the State during the current financial year; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken to meet the above projection?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 333 FOR 17TH AUGUST, 2005 REGARDING INCREASING TELE-DENSITY IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR.

- (a) The teledensity in Jammu & Kashmir, as on 30.06.2005 was 5.71%.
- (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has chalked out a plan to increase the teledensity in the state to about 16.6% by December, 2007.
- (c) During the period from April 1, 2005 to December, 2007 BSNL aims to add about 13.5 lakh phones in the state. The year-wise details are given below:-

Type of Telephones 2005-06 2006-2007 2007-2008 Total
(upto December, 2007)

WLL & Fixed	0.5 lakh	0.9 lakh	1.0 lakh	2.4 lakh
Cellular	3.5 lakh	4.0 lakh	3.6 lakh	11.1 lakh
Total	4.0 lakh	4.9 lakh	4.6 lakh	13.5 lakh

- (d) During the current year (2005-06), BSNL has planned a capacity of 3.50 lakh lines of mobile (GSM) phones and 90,500 lines of WLL equipment in Jammu & Kashmir.
- (e) Following steps have been taken:

GSM- The equipment for 2.8 lakh Global System for Mobile (GSM) lines have been received. Out of this, capacity of one-lakh lines has already been installed. Commissioning of the remaining equipment is in progress. In addition, equipment for about 70,000 GSM lines are expected to be received soon.

WLL- Out of the 90,500 lines WLL capacity allotted for J&K for the current year, 11,000 WLL lines capacity has been installed of which acceptance testing is in progress. Further, purchase orders have been placed for a capacity of 79,500 WLL lines.